Camp Eight Miles from
Knoxville Tenn
Oct 28th 1862

My own Dear Wife

I wrote a few lines and sent them by Mr Kleffmuller three days ago - I hope they will reach you safely. I have some idea that our winter destination - or other destination for the winter is Corinth or that vicinity - I am going to try very hard to get home before I go there - I have been put off & put off until I feel somewhat reckless and if I do not get home one way I will another - I do not know how long we will remain here but several days I expect - Men and horses are very much fatigued and worn down - The men are actually emaciated from long marching and hard living - For four days our men had for bread - corn - The officers among the number - a supper of parched corn and pork does not go so badly after all - Our Division is greatly reduced in numbers since we entered Ky and I think the men will not be fit for duty under a months recruiting

about the only thing I have to show for my Ky campaign is a good looking bay horse which I got up there and which I want to send as a present to Mr Young when I get home Infanta - You need not tell him as some accident might happen to him But I will certainly send him. If he needs him he can keep him: if he does not he can sell him - I was offered $250.00 for him yesterday - cash but I refused to sell him because I want to send him to Mr Young. He would be worth a good deal more than $250 in Infanta - Horse stealing is quite common in the army - and I had my horse stolen from me one one night - but found him next morning - I saw Pat Powers yesterday going to Knoxville hunting his horse which some one had stolen from him at the Gap - He was well and said his Company would be at the Gap this winter - I heard that the whole of Williams's Legion would be there - I went into Ky thinking I would get every thing I needed but I came out not a single bit better than I went in - My shirts

are wearing out - my boots in the same fix and hat utterly gone - unless I get some clothes soon I do not know what I will do. If I had got into a fight as I expected I would have supplied myself abundantly. well Darling it has been now nearly nine months since I was at home & it seems to me it has been at the least two years. It seems hard that the best part of my life should be spent in the army - I hope I will get a letter or letters from you soon. The weather is warm and pleasant for october - much more so than one would expect. Henry was looking very well and expects to go home soon - If I can't get a regular leave - and we go to chattanooga and all around to Corinth I am going home by getting off the cars and go - and run the risk of being Court martialed what do you say to that? I hope I will get a regular leave however and be saved all that trouble. Dearest I have not written for so long that I do not know how to write. Oh! Darling if you can send my Coat (overcoat) to me I wish you would. but I hope to get home and then I

I can get it myself - I am so tired so very tired of this harrible war - what think you Darling of sixteen men being hung in one pile & well sixteen Yankee bushwhackers were hung at the Cumberland river on our retreat. The were taken by our cavalry and it is said they had been following up our army on this whole march - This is certainly the most harrible war the world has ever seen - what a harrible condition society will be left in when it closes - well Love I will leave a short space to add a few lines more my Love to all much love & many Kisses for you & the boy - Your own old

Dea Hubert

Darling - It is now Sunday morning Oct 26th 1862 and the ground is covered with snow - what do you think of that? I am in Knoxville with Henry Reeves & Bob Hunter I do not feel so very well this morning Don't forget Darling to send my overcoat if you can send it to me! You will find out where we will go - I do not know yet where we will go - It is snowing some yet & pretty cold - well good by Darling I will write soon again as I can - my love to all much love & many Kisses for you & the boy

Herbert